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SUBJECT: SOVIET PROTEST OF MAY DAY FLIGHTS

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1. IN ORDER TO AVOID INCIDENTS SIMILAR TO THAT OF
MAY 1 WE ARE PUTTING INTO EFFECT NEW OPERATIONAL
PROCEDURES WHICH WILL PROVIDE BETTER COMMAND CONTROL
OF LOCAL FLYING BY BERLIN- BASED U. S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT.
IN BRIEF, DCSI USCOB WILL, IN FUTURE, EXERCISE SAME
CLOSE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE
MISSIONS OVER EAST BERLIN AND GDR AS HE HAS TO DATE
OF PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE. THIS WILL MEAN THAT
QUESTIONS SUCH AS ROUTES, TIMING, ALTITUDES, ETC. WILL
BE ADDRESSED AT SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL TO INSURE
THAT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
IN MISSION PLANNING. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SOME
CONTROL OF TRAINING, MAINTENANCE, ORIENTATION AND
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SIMILAR FLIGHTS, THE AVIATION DETACHMENT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH CLEARANCES OR RESTRICTIONS ON A BLOCK-TIME BASIS. A MECHANISM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR PROVIDING A DAILY USBER INPUT TO DCSI TO ASSIST IN OPERATIONAL PLANNING.

2. THE TRIPARTITE BERLIN AIR COORDINATING COMMITTEE (BACC) HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN CONSIDERING THE NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN BASC- BARTCC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, WHICH PRESENTLY DEPENDS ON OVER 600 PHONE CALLS PER DAY. NUMBER OF EUROPEAN AND U. S. FIRMS WERE RECENTLY INVITED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR INSTALLATION OF COMPUTERIZED DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM WHICH WOULD LARGELY AUTOMATE TRANSFER OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE TWO AGENCIES. WHILE SUCH SYSTEM WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY REDUCE PROBABILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDINGS SUCH AS OCCURRED ON MAY 1, IT WOULD NOT TOTALLY ELIMINATE THEM SINCE TIME LAG INHERENT IN PASSING SIGHTING REPORTS UP CHAIN ON SOVIET SIDE USUALLY RESULTS IN SOVIET CONTROLLER COMPLAINING OF AIRCRAFT OVER CERTAIN POINT " NOW" WHEN IN FACT OVERFLIGHT TOOK PLACE CONSIDERABLY EARLIER.

3. USCOB CONCURS. KLEIN

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